
Early Childhood Equity Grants: Become a Reviewer

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Overview

1. Early Childhood Equity Grant Purpose
2. Types of Projects
3. Where You Come In!

Early Childhood Equity Grant Overview

- Part of the Fair Start for Kids Act, passed in 2021
- Supports inclusive and culturally and linguistically specific early learning and early childhood and parent support programs across the state
- Open to a variety of provider types:
 - Licensed, certified, or certified for payment only child care providers with an open license in good standing.
 - License-exempt Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) providers serving children receiving state subsidies.
 - Licensed ECEAP/Early ECEAP sites
 - ECEAP/Early ECEAP contractors
 - Play and Learn Group Host Organizations recognized by Child Care Aware of Washington (CCA of WA) and currently receive funding and/or direct programming support from CCA of WA to actively provide direct and virtual education and materials to parents and FFN caregivers.

Project Goals

- Preventing suspension and expulsion
- Increasing the use of research-informed social-emotional teaching practices
- Increasing the use of culturally and linguistically responsive practices and decreasing bias in the classroom
- Offering ongoing child assessment and developmental screening
- Connecting families to services and supports that meet health, mental health, financial, or other needs
- Other

Early Childhood Equity Grant Process

Initial

- ~1000 applications

Screen

- DCYF screens for eligibility and prioritized

Review

- Community Review Panel picks what to fund

- Reviewers read and rate finalist applications
- DCYF compensates you for your lived experience!
 - (As long as you aren't a DCYF employee or contractor)

Next Steps



**Before July 21: sign up
to volunteer here:
[https://app.smartsheet
.com/b/form/17e06964
b46e485f98ffed43370b
9393](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/17e06964b46e485f98ffed43370b9393)**



**July 31: DCYF will send
out more information
on the time
commitment and
confirm interest and
capacity**



**August: Reviewing takes
place!**

Questions?

Or email dcyf.childcaregrants@dcyf.wa.gov

Thank You!

